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## Re.: Follow-up Report Spill #2022470 – Release of 5 L of Untreated Sewage at the Meliadine Gold Project

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Nunavut Spill Line was notified by Agnico Eagle personnel via email (spills@gov.nt.ca) of a spill of approximately 5 L of untreated sewage at the Meliadine Gold Project site (spill location coordinates: 63° 2′ 21.24"N, 92° 13′ 40.67"). This follow-up report provides supplemental information based on the results of the incident investigation and is being provided in accordance with:

the Nunavut Water Board License 2AM-MEL1631 Water License, part H, item 8c.

## **Description of Incident**

On September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at approximately 2:45 pm, an estimated 5 L of untreated sewage was spilled on the industrial pad due a cracked end cap. No water bodies were impacted by this spill. The closest water body (G2) is approximately 325 meters northwest, as seen in Figure 1.





Figure 1: Location of sewage spill and proximity to water bodies.

## **Spill Response and Remediation**

When the plumber noticed a leak coming from the cleanout cap he immediately stopped the MSB lift station. Once the lift station was stopped a new cap was installed. The impacted surface area was hand excavated and an estimated 5 kg of material was brought to Landfarm A as per Landfarm Management Plan.

## **Root Causes and Corrective Measures**

An investigation was conducted soon after the incident occurred to determine the root causes and contributing factors. The investigation concluded with the following:



• a hairline fracture was identified on the cleanout cap

The following corrective and preventative actions have been implemented to address the root causes and to reduce the likelihood of reoccurrence:

- the cracked cleanout cap was replaced and installed by a plumber
- a visual inspection was completed after the installation

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



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Appendix – Photos





**Photo 1:** Sewage spill location